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Joan, a lot of people are asking about the awards ceremony. Are you okay if I send the following to all EPA staff?

EPA Region 8 Employees

In light of keeping our full attention on our response to the release of contaminated water from the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, I have decided to postpone the Regional Awards Ceremony which was scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>. I know that many people have spent considerable time and effort planning this event and I am really appreciative of these efforts. Because many folks in the region are involved in the Gold King Mine emergency response and the region in general is focused on this situation, we will reschedule the awards ceremony for a later date this Fall. At that time we all will be able to give our full attention to recognizing the most outstanding work that our colleagues have accomplished over the past year. I appreciate your understanding.

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